

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 4, 5 and 9, amend claim 1 and add new claims 15–17 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A winter recreational park for amusing and entertaining one or more participants comprising:

a plurality of interconnected housing structures each adapted to safely house the participants and at least one winter facility based on the media of artificial snow and/or ice,

a plurality of active devices adapted to the respective winter facility to create a desired effect when used on said snow and/or ice, and

means for interactively coupling the one or more participants engaging in at least one of said active devices, wherein the result of use of at least one of said active devices by the one or more participants in said at least one winter facility is interactively coupled to the activity of one or more other participants using the same or another active device in the same or another said at least one winter facility.

2. (Original) The winter recreational park of claim 1, wherein the winter facilities are selected from the group consisting of ski slopes, ski jumps, sledding runs, snowboard halfpipes, bobsled runs, snowmobile runs, ice skating rinks, curling rinks, hockey rinks and the like.

3. (Original) The winter recreational park of claim 1, wherein the winter facilities further include a winter wildlife park, a city constructed predominantly of ice or a Swiss alpine village.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Canceled)

6. (Original) The winter recreational park of claim 1, wherein one of the winter facilities comprises a covered bobsled run located in a tubular structure.

7. (Original) The winter recreational park of claim 6, wherein the floor of the bobsled run is provided with tracks, which can be exposed to carry bobsleds with wheels for amusement runs and which can be covered with ice to carry normal bobsleds with blades for professional use.

8. (Original) The winter recreational park of claim 1, wherein the active devices include skis, snowboards, sleds, bobsleds, snowmobiles, ice skates, hockey equipment, curling gear or the like.

9. (Canceled)

10. (Original) The winter recreational park of claim 1, wherein an outside surface of the housing structures is formed of lightweight translucent construction material with a coating for reflecting UV radiation.

11. (Original) The winter recreational park of claim 10, wherein the outside surface of the housing structures is at least partially covered with solar cells for electricity generation.

12. (Original) The winter recreational park of claim 1, wherein the housing structures are formed as domes or tunnels for housing the winter facilities.

13. (Original) The winter recreational park of claim 1, wherein snow and/or ice generators are provided in one or more of the housing structures, the generators being powered with electricity from a solar cell assembly.

14. (Original) The winter recreational park of claim 13, wherein the solar cell assembly is integrated into the roof structure of a parking lot for visitors.

15. (New) The winter recreational park of claim 1, wherein said means for interactively coupling the participants include a central information processing system

communicating with at least one sensor located on at least one of said active devices used by at least one of the participants.

16. (New) The winter recreational park of claim 15, further including at least one receiving device in communication with said central processing system for providing information to the at least one participant at least partially based on information generated by said sensors.

17. (New) The winter recreational park of claim 16, wherein said at least one receiving device is one of wireless or radio controlled and includes a display.